करके रेलवे स्टेशन पर जाना पड़ता है। वहाँ एक कम खर्चे वाला फुट ओवर ब्रिज की आवश्यकता है, जिससे कि लोग सड़क से रेलवे स्टेशन पर पहुँच जाएँ। जब पूर्व रेल मंत्री झंझारपुर गए थे, तो मैंने उनसे निवेदन किया था। उन्होंने आश्वासन भी दिया था मगर हुआ नहीं। यह बहुत कम खर्च की बात है और इसके बनने से यात्री बड़े खतरे से बच सकते हैं। महोदय, मैं रेल मंत्री जी से यह आश्वासन चाहता हूँ।

श्री **सभापति**: क्या आपको भी रेलवे के लिए क्वैश्चन करना पड़ता है? ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, the hon. Member is talking about the FOB which is exclusively for pepole to cross the tracks to reach market and it is for the State Government to do.

Traffic congestion due to railway over-bridge at Rangapara

*424.SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway over-bridge being constructed at Rangapara in Sonitpur District, Assam over the railway track of Rangapara North (RPAN) to Markongseleek, is causing heavy traffic congestion due to frequent daily rail shunting and movement.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) No Road Over Bridge is sanctioned at Rangapara North Station Yard in the direction towards Markongseleek on cost sharing or deposit basis.

(b) Level Crossing No. RM 104 at Rangapara, in lieu of which Road Over Bridge is demanded, is having traffic density of 47828 TVUs (Traffic Vehicle Units) only. Hence, neither it qualifies for replacement on cost sharing basis (50:50 between Railways and State Government), nor State Government has sponsored any proposal meeting the total cost on Deposit Terms for this location.

(c) Railways construct Road Over/Under Bridges (ROB/RUB) in lieu of existing level crossings on cost sharing basis if the traffic density is more than one lakh TVUs. (TVU—A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours), otherwise considers on deposit basis. Proposals in both cases have to be sponsored by State Govt. No proposal has been received from the State Govt. for ROB at Rangapara.

SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Sir, in response to the reply given by the hon. Minister to part (a), (b) and (c) of my question, I would like to know from the hon. Minister a clarification. He has said that density of traffic at the level-crossings is not more, therefore, ROB is not possible now. Sir, it is not only lakhs of people using this level crossing but also it is being used by army vehicles. This is a cantonment area. In view of this, may I know from the hon. Minister that till all these formalities are completed whether he would advice his Railway Department not to block this level crossing on the pickets by shunting. They do shunting. As a result, trains are blocking for hours together. This is one of the problems. That is why I put this question. May I know from the hon. Minister whether he would take some action?

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, it is for the safety of the people we are closing the gates, during shunting and to keep all the trains moving. In the entire day, we are closing only for few hours in intervals of half-an-hour, 15 minutes, 20 minutes like that. I will get it examined how this can be minimised.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Clinical trials of neseritide

*425. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission has been granted during the last two years, by the Drug Controller General of India to conduct clinical trials on a drug called Neseritide (Natrecor), manufactured by Johnson and Johnson, USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;